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In re

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each item is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

- (1) Notermans et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,843,571, issued June 27, 1989; and
- (2) Bunker, U.S. Patent No. 6,018,398, issued January 25, 2000.

No representation is made, and no representation is intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or that the order of presentation of this material in any way reflects its relative pertinence. The references cited above are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind.

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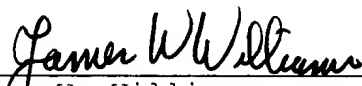
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Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed above are properly citable against the above-identified application.

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

As this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final Office Action under § 1.113, or a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, whichever occurs first, the required fee of \$240.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) for the submission of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement should be charged to Sidley & Austin's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260. The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in duplicate.

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